

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 644

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Stanley Owens of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Stanley “Stan” Owens; and

WHEREAS, Stan Owens was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity for twenty-seven years as Executive Vice President and President of the Tennessee Building Material Association, in which position he earned the respect of his many associates for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, prior to his illustrious tenure with the Tennessee Building Material Association, Mr. Owens served as Executive Director of the Tennessee Motor Transport Association in Nashville and, before that, founded and operated The Owens Company, a letter service, direct mail advertising, and office machine dealership in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, Stan Owens was born in Hansonville, Virginia, on May 31, 1922, to Edward J. and Nora Alice Arrington Owens; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Virginia, he attended the Elizabethton School of Business in Elizabethton, Tennessee, the University of The South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and the University of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, from 1942 to 1946, Mr. Owens bravely served his county during World War II as a proud member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, he lent his time, professional talents, and leadership acumen to many notable organizations, including the Johnson City Jaycees, which he served as President; the Tennessee Jaycees, which he served as State Director and Vice President; and *Post*

Publication, which he served as a member of the Executive Committee, as well as Founder, Editor, and Publisher; and

WHEREAS, he rendered sterling service as a Director and member of the Executive Committee of the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association, and as Founder and President of the Tennessee Society of Association Executives; and

WHEREAS, a public servant of the highest order, Stan Owens represented and lobbied for many interests on Capitol Hill for more than fifty years, including Tennessee's Pest Control Operation; and

WHEREAS, he served as a charter member of the Capital Club of Nashville and the Nashville City Club, and as Founder and first President of the Capitol Hill Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Mr. Owens was named the Jaycees' Outstanding Young Man of the Year for, 1947; he was also honored as a life member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Stan Owens was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-five years, Edith "Edee" Couch Owens, who preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, a special husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend, Mr. Owens will be sorely missed by his sisters, Sibyl Beals, married to George, and Helen Epley, married to Robert; brother, John Owens, married to Clara; special niece, Jean Bennett, married to Carl; and sisters-in-law, Sibyl Truxton, Pearl Allen, married to E.J., and Ruby Owens; many beloved nieces and nephews; and family friend, Richard Conditt; and

WHEREAS, Robert Stanley Owens leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional lobbyist, public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Stanley Owens, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and integrity evidenced by this beloved figure of Capitol Hill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Owens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.